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| ROTATING JOINT FOR THE MUTUAL |) | |
| CONNECTION OF TWO SHAFT ENDS |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

As a Preliminary Amendment to the attached Patent Application, please enter the following amendments prior to computing the required filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16. Please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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